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#### COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

In spite of stormy weather, delayed trains and other obstacles, the meeting at Kinsley was a success. Forty-two persons from Kinsley and vicinity were in attendance Friday evening, which with the large number from Wayne and surrounding townships filled the Methodist church to overflowing. A majority of the northside people remained for the Saturday sessions.

#### FRIDAY EVENING.

The association was called to order at 8 o'clock. Mesdames Hardy and Sturdevant sang a beautiful duet after which Rev. Ira Pierce offered prayer, invoking the blessing of God upon the convention. Miss Nina Clark gave one of her delightful readings, holding the rapt attention of her auditors from beginning to end and winning a burst of applause.

State Superintendent Nelson who was to lecture upon the subject of school consolidation was unable to be present, but he sent a satisfactory substitute in the person of Assistant State Superintendent, D. W. Little, who gave a masterly address upon this problem which is daily growing in importance. Having devoted considerable space to consolidation in this department we will not attempt to give an abstract of the lecture, simply mentioning one point, viz: consolidation has been successfully accomplished in Kansas and is in successful operation within one hundred miles of Edwards county.

At the close of the lecture the Lewis male quartet favored the audience with an exceedingly fine and well-rendered selection.

#### SATURDAY FORENOON.

Owing to a combination of unfavorable circumstances, the early branch train which had the responsibility of bearing the president of the association and three individuals whose names appeared on the program to the place of meeting, did not leave Kinsley until 12:20. Miss Emma Johnson acting as president pro tem called the association to order. In the absence of Mr. Countryman, Supt. Little spoke concerning "The Teacher's Debt to the Community." He was followed by Mr. Chas. Sturdevant who gave the converse subject, "The Community's Debt to the Teacher." Both made excellent talks. Miss Della Gray gave a good recitation and the meeting adjourned.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Brightening skies and rising temperature made a large attendance at the closing session. The church was comfortably filled when Mrs. Lee Hardy rendered the opening number, a magnificent organ voluntary. Prof. Baugher's paper, "Things to Retain and Things to Discard in Our Present Educational System," contained a vast amount of practical common sense spiced with humor. He pleaded for more ethical culture in the schools, for more honest, thorough work in the common branches, especially reading, spelling and mental arithmetic. Some of the most striking points in the paper were discussed by volunteers.

The important subject of "Manual Training" was presented by Mrs. Cora G. Lewis. It was by far the best and most convincing argument for industrial training that we have ever heard. The possibilities for good to be accomplished through manual training taught in connection with the daily work of our schools are too great to be measured or even imagined. Experiments have conclusively proved that it is the key to the solution of many problems that have perplexed educators for ages.

The paper was briefly discussed by Miss Mary Rosser and Mr. Fred Andrews, and then in response to a suggestion by the author, a testimony meeting was held, the teachers and others interested enthusiastically endorsing the plan of manual education. Miss Maudie Israel then recited very effectively a selection entitled, "The Tramp Organist." "Pupil Transportation" by Miss

Emma Johnson was handled in a way that showed she had bestowed much thought upon the problem. This is the most serious objection to consolidation but Miss Johnson demonstrated its practicability. The paper was discussed by Miss Nellie Corner and others.

A general discussion concerning the common school diploma was opened by Rev. Pierce. He stated emphatically that it was worth the trouble, that trouble should not be considered where good results. He believes that the standard of scholarship required of common school graduates should be somewhat higher. Supt. Little spoke in the same vein. This completed the formal program. The thanks of the association were extended to the people of Lewis and vicinity who had helped to make the meeting a success, after which the association adjourned.

Much credit is due the Lewis teachers, Misses Johnson and Hobbie for their efforts in behalf of the association.

#### THIRD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

Schoolhouse in district No. 16, Friday evening, Feb. 21, 1902.

Music.....Orchestra  
Dialogue.....District 16  
Recitation.....District 30  
Recitation.....Roy Diesel  
Paper.....Annie Manuel  
General Discussion.

Music.....District 16  
Recitation.....District 44  
Paper.....Fred Andrews  
General Discussion.

Dialogue.....District 16  
Music. Business Session. Adjourn.  
This is the last meeting this year.

#### Editorial Correspondence.

Washington, D. C.

The most impressive thing in this city is the Washington monument, 555 feet high. The top is reached either by elevator or stairs, inside. The view is wonderful. The whole city and surrounding country is spread out at your feet, in miniature. One visiting the city should visit this monument the first thing to fix location. One realizes the immense height by looking down on the dome of the Capitol building which is 180 feet below. When approaching the base of the structure you are almost overcome with a feeling of awe. I nearly fell dead when I read the startling expression of American patriotic sentiment expressed on a tablet at the base: "The employees here will neither expect or receive fees." This is the only place I have struck where fees were not expected. In fact one half of the population appear "tipsy."

While standing at the base of the monument in company with quite a party of strangers my attention was attracted to a gentleman who seemed to be holding the close attention of quite a party. Moving nearer I heard him say: "Why sir, last year we raised more wheat than any state in the Union." I immediately stepped up and asked him what county he was from. He replied: "Stafford." I learned later that an excursion party made up from the Lumber Dealers' association of Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas was in the city.

After visiting the monument the next thing the visitor should do is to take the trolley ride "Seeing Washington." For fifty cents you are carried around the city on the different car lines, passing many points of interest. It takes two hours to make the trip.

Tampa, Fla.

Leaving Washington last night morning found us in central North Carolina. A very great change has come over North and the north half of South Carolina, due to the development of many manufacturing industries. The towns are building up while the country surrounding is going backward. Almost all farm buildings are unpainted and in bad repair.

The entire day's travel was through pine forests and cypress swamps. The amount of wood on the ground, going to waste, makes a Kansan's heart ache as he thinks of the many prairie homes which could be made more happy and cheerful by a very small sum.

Savannah is a queer combination of the ancient and modern. Part of it has narrow streets paved with cobble stones, the adjacent buildings being of a style popularly supposed to have been originated by Noah. Other parts have wide streets, with trees and handsome modern buildings. It is about 20 miles from the sea on the Savannah river, which furnishes fine harbor and seems to be fairly well filled with ocean going vessels.

The supreme court sustained the appointments of Governor Stanford in the matter of district judges, Chief Justice Foster dissenting. It is strange that the judges themselves could think for a moment the republican members of the supreme court would do otherwise than to sustain their party. The fact that this was a violation of the law cut no figure.

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